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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	Application Number	09/942,001
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Filing Date	8/29/2001
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	Group Art Unit	2122
	Examiner Name	Mary J. STEELMAN
	Attorney Docket Number	NL000477

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application. RCE practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____ (may not be a brief)

2. **Miscellaneous**

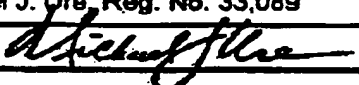
a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(f))

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.


a. ☒ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2000

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

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